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Via Facsimile, 410-974-5252

The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
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Via Facsimile, 410-333-8628

The Honorable Christian Johansson, Secretary
Department of Business and Economic Development
401 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Sirs,

We have read with interest the media accounts of the Economic Development Mission to Asia. With Maryland's plummeting business rankings and high tax environment, we know convincing corporations to locate here is not an easy task. We hope this trip proves to be a fruitful one for the citizens of Maryland.

As we are sure you will both agree, in this austere fiscal climate, we must be good stewards of the taxpayer dollar. The Maryland Delegation to Asia is large consisting of nearly 70 members; however the Governor's office has reported that the taxpayer costs of this trip will be no more than \$100,000. We appreciate the fact that a portion of the delegation consists of members of the private sector, who should not be traveling at the expense of the taxpayer. However, there are multiple members of the Delegation who are apparently participating as a function of their positions in Maryland government. This does not include any un-named staff including the security detail required for such a trip.

In the interests of transparency in government, we are requesting a detailed accounting of the cost and sources of funds used to cover said costs related to the Economic Development Mission to Asia for the following people (27):

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
The Honorable Christian Johansson, Secretary, DBED
The Honorable John McDonough, Maryland Secretary of State
The Honorable Edward Chow, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs
The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Maryland House of Delegates

The Honorable Susan Lee, Maryland House of Delegates
Sam Clark, Office of the Governor
David Lee, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Harold Adams, Governors International Advisory Council
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Wallace Loh, University of Maryland College Park
Brian Darmody, University of Maryland College Park
Kai Duh, University of Maryland College Park
Saul Sosnowski, University of Maryland College Park
James Hughes, University of Maryland Baltimore
Jay Perman, University of Maryland Baltimore
Peter Hu, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma
Clay Hickson, Towson University
Steve Phillips, Towson University
Marcia Welsh, Towson University

In addition, we also request an accounting of the costs and sources of funds used to cover said costs for any un-named staff members and security personnel who participated in this trip as well as any taxpayer dollars that may have been used to cover costs for members of the private sector.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. O'Donnell
Minority Leader



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